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FORESEES DRASTIC PURGE IN EAST ZONE -- Stockholm, Dagens Nyheter, 17 Dec 50

Berlin, 16 December -- Perhaps the most drastic purge in the SED to date is expected with the new year. Neues Deutschland, official SED organ, is reprinting excerpts from a speech given by Secretary General Ulbricht in October, which heretofore has been kept secret.

In his speech, Ulbricht declares that in June 1951, the SED will appear as "a party of a completely new type." On 15 January, all members of the party must exchange their old membership cards for new ones, and every member will be subjected to a careful "ideological examination." In the future, all SED members will be observed individually, and their conduct and actions will be noted in a party card file.

According to Ulbricht, the following groups will be investigated especially carefully: (1) those who lived in "capitalist" countries during the Nazi regime, (2) those interned in Yugoslav or Western prison camps during the war, (3) wealthy farmers, and (4) all sorts of small shopowners and certain groups of craftsmen. The purge is expected to result in the exclusion of over 10 percent of the Party's 1.7 million members.

SOVIETS TO "COORDINATE" EAST GERMAN NEWS -- Zuerich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 29 Dec 50

According to a report from the West Berlin newspaper Der Tag, the East German news agency ADN, has joined the news-reporting agreement of the Eastern bloc countries. The purpose of this agreement, effective in the beginning of October, is to "coordinate" news reporting between Tass and the news services of the People's Democracies.

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The agreement provides for a "common defense against the lies and war propaganda of the Western countries." So-called "coordination editors" have been dispatched to work with the chief editors of the news agencies of the People's Democracies. They have the right to "aid the local editors in wording the news." They are to serve as "advisors" in all instances.

TEXTBOOK SABOTAGED -- Stockholm, Dagens Nyheter, 18 Nov 50

Berlin, 17 November -- It has been necessary for the East German authorities to call in all copies of a biology book just published for East German schools and destroy them, as it has been discovered that the book had been sabotaged. The chapter "The Pig" ended with a picture of a fine-looking sow. Under the picture were the words, "A purebred swine." But on the sow's derriere were clearly printed the letters "SED."

Evidently, this addition had been made immediately before printing by someone who had managed to get the plate and, unobserved, add the letters. When the act of sabotage was discovered, 190,000 copies of the book had already been distributed to the schools. The authorities are now doing everything in their power both to recall every copy of the book and to catch up with the saboteur.

LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR GERMAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP -- Potsdam, Maerkische Volksstimme, 6 Dec 50

An article by a people's correspondent criticizes the lack of enthusiasm for German-Soviet friendship among the Potsdam people. During the month of German-Soviet Friendship, Potsdam inhabitants did very little in displaying flags and placards, compared with displays in other East German towns. The correspondent suggests that people who have not done so should show their faith in German-Soviet friendship by decorating Potsdam streets.

SUPPRESS RELIGIOUS LITERATURE -- Zuerich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 10 Dec 50

Dr Steinhoff, Minister of the Interior of the German Democratic Republic, has announced measures to be taken to prevent religious literature from entering East Germany. He denounced the presumably increased imports of such literature, and ordered that all religious communities be informed of the regulations of the State Security Service.

YUGOSLAV INFORMATION SERVICE SUPPRESSED -- Zuerich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 3 Nov 50

According to a Tanjug report from Berlin, the East German government has prohibited the distribution of information and news bulletins of the Yugoslav Tanjug News Agency throughout the German Democratic Republic.

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